Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs on the Salaries and Allowances of the Judicial Officers of the Union Territories Bill, 2003.

Report and Statement of the Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways

SHRI ABANI ROY (West Bengal): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Report and Statement of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways (Thirteenth Lok Sabha):

(i) Fourteenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways (2003) on 'Railway Protection Force (Amendment) Bill, 2003' and 'The Railways (Second Amendment) Bill, 2003'; and

(ii) The Statement showing Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter-I of the 11th Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways (2002) regarding action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in their 9th Report (Thirteenth Lok Sabha) on Demands for Grants-2001-02 of the Ministry of Railways.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MR CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that a letter has been received from Shri N.K. Premachandran stating that he is unbale to attend the House as he was hospitalised due to severe dengue fever at KIMS Hospital, Thiruvananthapuram, and the doctor has advised him complete bed rest, at least, for one month. He has, therefore, requested for the grant of leave of absence from 2nd December, 2003 till the end of the current Session of the Rajya Sabha.

Does he have the permission of the House to remain absent from the sittings of the House?

[Non hon. Member dissented]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Permission to remain absent is granted.

STATEMENT REGARDING GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY

AFFAIRS (SHRI O.RAJAGOPAL): Sir, I rise to announce that the Government Business in this House for the week commencing Monday, 8th December, 2003 will consist of:—

(1) Consideration of any item of Government Business carried over from today's Order Paper.

(2) Discussion on the Motion regarding National Charter for Children, 2003.

(3) Consideration and passing of the following Bills:

(a) The Forward Contracts (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 1998,

(b) The Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2003; and

(c) The British Statutes (Repeal) Bill, 2003.

(4) Consideration and passing of the follwing Bills after they have been passed by Lok Sabha:-

(a) The Industrial Development Bank (Transfer of Undertaking and Repeal) Bill, 2002; and

(b) The Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Repeal Bill, 2001.

(5) Discussion on the Statutory Resolutions seeking disapproval of the following Ordinances and consideration and passing of the Bills seeking to replace these Ordinances, after they have been passed by Lok Sabha:

(a) The Taxation Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2003;

(b) The Representation of the People (Amendment) Ordinance, 2003;

(c) The Delimitation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2003;

(d) The Prevention of Terrorism (Amendment) Ordinance, 2003;

(e) The National Tax Tribunal Ordinance, 2003.

(6) Discussion on National Population Policy, 2000.

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE (West Bengal): Sir, regarding Government Business, I have a small submission to make. Several Constitution Amendment Bills are likely to come up. If the hon. Minister in charge of the Parliamentary Affairs could kindly indicate approximate time, becuase it will require the special majority, various political parties can organise

the presence of the Members. And, even today, we have placed the Reports of some Constitution Amendment Bills. So, if the Government could indicate some tentative time we will be able to mobilise Members.

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्री (श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज): सभापति जी, जो बात प्रणब दा ने कही है, वह सही है लेकिन क्योंकि जो रिपोर्ट उन्होंने आज पेश की है, उसके ऊपर लेजिस्लेटिव डिपार्टमेंट के मिनिस्टर यहां बैठे हैं, वे केबीनेट में ले जाकर उस बिल को लेकर आएंगे। जैसे ही वह बिल तैयार हो जाता है, तो हम लोग बीएसी में तय करेंगे कि किस दिन संविधान संशोधन लेने हैं। अगर दो संविधान संशोधन हुए तो सब एक ही दिन ले लेंगे और पहले से तय कर लेंगे ताकि सब लोग अपना-अपना कोरम जुटा लें। लेकिन मुझे लगता है कि आखिरी हफ्ते में ही हो पाएगा क्योंकि अभी जो आपने आज रिपोर्ट दी है उसके ऊपर एक कॉन्स्टीट्यूशन बिल ड्राफ्ट होगा, फिर वह बिल केबीनेट में जाएगा, उसके बाद हम लोग बिल यहां इंट्रोड्यूज़ करेंगे। लगता है कि लगभग तीसरे हफ्ते में ही हो पाएगा।

श्री नीलोत्पल बसु (पश्चिम बंगाल): महोदय,यहां पर बात हुई थी कि दो ईशूज पर ऑनरेबल प्राइम मिनिस्टर यहां स्टेटमेंट देंगे। यह बातचीत हुई थी और गवर्नमेंट उस समय कोई टाइम इंडीकेट नहीं कर पाई थी। चूंकि यह प्राइम मिनिस्टर साहब का सुओ मोटो स्टेट स्टेटमेंट होगा इसलिए अगर वह टाइम भी यहां इंडीकेट कर देते तो उस दिन जो शंका हाऊस के अंदर थी, उसका भी निवारण हो जाता।

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज: सर, नीलोत्पल जी को याद होगा कि उस पर भी हम लोगों ने यह कहा था कि सात तारीख को प्राइम मिनिस्टर साहब वापिस लौटेंगे तो उनकी सुविधा के अनुसार हम लोग समय तय करेंगे। इसलिए प्रधान मंत्री जी सात को लौट आएं। उसके बाद आठ या नौ, जो भी सुविधा होगी, हम लोग आठ तारीख को सुबह बता देंगे।

श्री सभापति: आप सात तारीख तक कहीं भी जा सकते हैं।

GOVERNMENT BILLS

The Indian Medicine Central Council (Amendment) Bill, 2003

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The question was put and the motion was adopted.

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज: महोदय, मैं विधेयक को पुर:स्थापित करती हूं।